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18 AUGUST 1945 MEMORANDUM FROM CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. ARMY TO  
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF, U. S. FLEET.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON, 25, D.C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL KING:

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SUBJECT: Signal Intelligence

With the termination of hostilities reduction in Army and Navy signal intelligence activities is indicated, as practically all Japanese Army, Navy, Air and shipping coded communications will cease much as all German coded communications terminated at the end of the German war. United States Navy and Army signal intelligence agreements and commitments with the British and any other Allies, as well as with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Office of Strategic Services, Treasury and the Federal Communications Commission, will require reexamination and readjustment in the light of the post-hostilities situation.

The War Department is in a position to continue to meet fully the requirements of the President, State Department, Navy and War Department in the Diplomatic field as provided under present agreements.

On 10 March 1945 we created the Army-Navy Communications Intelligence Board to study and make recommendations to us on all matters pertaining to coordination of plans and operations of the communication intelligence organizations of the Army and Navy, to formulate joint agreements as to procedures pertinent thereto and to negotiate and coordinate with other intelligence organizations. I believe we should now direct ANCIB to examine the above questions as a matter of urgency and make appropriate recommendations as to any action we must consider necessary. If you concur, I believe we might well ask the Board to examine and make recommendations as to the advisability of combining Army and Navy intercept and cryptanalytic activities under appropriate joint direction or if this should be impossible for any reason, to recommend procedure to insure complete integration.

/s/ G. C. Marshall  
Chief of Staff

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General Bissell

General Corderman

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